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1. Headquarters of the 12th Tank Brigade "Ostravska", Military Unit 9388, are at Sternberk (P50/N86). Military exercises are carried out at the Military Training Grounds in Libava (P50/007). The tank range is at Smilev (P50/006). The following is a partial list of brigade personnel:

CO	Major Knara, age 45, grey hair; tall.
Political Deputy	Lt. Sedlar, age 26, 180 cm tall, blond hair.
I Bn Cmr	Major Svec, age 42, of medium build, brown hair.
Political Deputy	Sgt. Cadet Officer Kozel, age 26, of medium build, dark hair: an ardent Communist.
1st Tank Co Cmr	Staff Captain Achirsky, age 45, of medium build, blond hair.
Co Sgt.	Sgt. Zidek, age 30, tall, slim.
Co Accountant	Sgt. Sokol, age 26, brown hair, stout.
2nd Tank Co Cmr	1st Lt. Rambousek, age 30, tall, slim, red hair.
3rd Tank Co Cmr	Lt. Dostal, age 32; former NCO and graduate of the 1950 class of the Military Academy.
Soviet Adviser	Lt. Colonel Petrocenkov, age 48, medium build. He wears a Red Army uniform decorated with the Suvorov order.

Code names used during exercises include:

12th Brigade CO  
1st Tank Bn  
1st Tank Co

Sohaj  
Antika  
Blatouch

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2nd Tank Co	Tulipan
3rd Tank Co	Kozak
Hq Co	Veteran

2. The personnel strength of the 12th Tank Brigade at the Libava-Smilov training grounds is as follows:

3 tank battalions	510 men (each of about 70 men on active duty, 100 on reserve).
1 HMG battalion	800 (sic)
Motor Pool Co	200
Hqs Co	250
Signal Co	70
Engr Co	30
Medical detail	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,890 men</b>

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3. The brigade is equipped with about 90 tanks. On [REDACTED] about 200 tanks were counted in the Libava-Smilov area, including the following types:\*

190	T-34
6	T-70
4	Cromwell

Some of the tanks were new, supplied by the mobilization warehouse in Olomouc. According to a lecture by the Brigade Education Officer, the production of Czechoslovak tanks will be discontinued altogether and Soviet equipment will be supplied in quantities. Other motorized equipment includes:

2	armored cars
6	half-tracks (German make)
180	trucks and cars (Studebaker, Ford, Jeep, Skoda Jeep)
50	motorcycles (20 new)

- 25X1A 4. On [REDACTED] reservists of various classes were called up for refresher training with the 12th Tank Brigade in Soviet T-34 tanks. A T-34 tank crew consists of the following:

Tank Cmdr	(officer)
Driver	(sergeant)
No. 1 Gunner	(sergeant or corporal)
No. 2 Gunner	(NCO or private)
Radioman	(NCO or private)

When tank is put out of commission, the crew fights as an infantry squad.

5. The tank range at Smilov is commanded by Colonel Ivo Wagner, a graduate of Saint Cyr who served in World War II with the Czechoslovak Army and later with the Free French Armies. Formerly commander of the 68th Inf Bn at Jesenik, Wagner was selected in 1943 to study at the Voroshilov Academy in the USSR.

- 25X1A \* [REDACTED] Comment: Two hundred tanks seem an unusually large number especially if 190 are T-34s. It is possible that the number includes tanks from the 11th Brigade, which was also on duty in that area.

Attachment: Diagram of the Army Training Grounds, Libava, with legend.

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